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To,

All Establishments
Eastern and North Eastern Region of India
(Under Jurisdiction of BOPTER only)

Subject: Mandatory Implementation of Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) for Disbursement of Government Share of Stipend to Apprentices – Effective from the Stipend Month of July 2025.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the **Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region), Kolkata**.

As you are aware, the Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) is mandated by the **Ministry of Education, Government of India** to implement the **Apprentices Act, 1961** across the Eastern and Northeastern Region of India. This includes the states of **Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Sikkim, the Northeastern States** and the **Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands**.

2. This letter is being issued to inform and advise all establishments/companies currently engaging apprentices under the **National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)** that, in accordance with the latest directive from the Ministry of Education, a major procedural change is being introduced in the stipend disbursement process.

3. **Effective from the stipend month of July 2025 (stipend to be paid by 10th August 2025), the Government of India's share of stipend to apprentices shall be disbursed exclusively through the Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) mode.**

4. At present, a hybrid payment system is in operation, involving both DBT and reimbursement modes. Traditionally, most establishments have been disbursing the full stipend (including the Government share) and subsequently claiming reimbursement from the Board. However, under the revised DBT system:

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- The **Government share** will be **transferred directly to the apprentices' bank accounts** by the Government of India.
- The **establishment's share** shall continue to be **paid directly by the establishment** to the apprentices.

5. **In view of this transition, all establishments are requested to kindly take the following steps without delay:**

(i) **Ensure all apprentices engaged in your establishment are registered on the NATS portal** with accurate and complete **bank account details**, preferably Aadhaar-linked, to enable smooth DBT transactions.
(ii) **Verify and update apprentice records** in coordination with your Apprenticeship Coordinators of establishments, especially regarding **banking and Aadhaar details**.
(iii) **Engage with the BOPT (Eastern Region) office** for support in resolving any procedural or technical issues during the DBT implementation process.
(iv) **Do not include the Government share** in the stipend amount disbursed to apprentices from **July 2025** onwards, as **reimbursement claims for the Government share will no longer be entertained**.

6. This strategic shift to the DBT system is aimed at enhancing **transparency, efficiency, and timely delivery of benefits** to apprentices in alignment with the Government's focus on digital transformation and direct benefit transfer mechanisms.

7. It is also to inform that all necessary measures have been taken so that **adequate Government fund is available throughout the year** to ensure **timely DBT disbursement** without any delay.

8. We look forward to your wholehearted cooperation in ensuring a seamless and timely transition to the new DBT-based stipend disbursement model. Your support is crucial for the continued success and effective implementation of the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme in the region.

9. Should you require any clarification or assistance, please feel free to contact us at the state-wise email ids mentioned below: -

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1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	ts1.bopter@gmail.com
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13.	Odisha	

10. Thank you for your sustained partnership in advancing apprenticeship training and skill development.

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Director